

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Morishita et al.

Application No. 09/869,475

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For: GENE THERAPY FOR DIABETIC

ISCHEMIC DISEASE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This document is submitted in response to the Office action dated September 17, 2004, for which a three-month period for reply was set. Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, and submit the required fee herewith, making this response due on or before March 17, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.